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Decatur Salon Gives Royal Treatment to DeKalb Students

Imagine waking up on a Monday morning knowing that your day will involve a five-hour pampering session; well, this was the case for many DeKalb County School System teachers and students. On a fieldtrip this week, 65 students and teachers traveled to downtown Decatur to participate in DeKalb Exceptional Education's **Fourth Annual Day of Beauty**.

Hosted by SalonRed and Spa in Decatur, the Day of Beauty provided DeKalb's students with disabilities an opportunity to receive full-salon services from hair cuts, to hi-light hair coloring, manicures, massages and more. With over 25 volunteer stylists and estheticians from the metropolitan Atlanta area providing the pampering, DeKalb's special education teachers and coaches were able to share in the spa experience with students too.

"The students love it; they pose, model and show you their nails! It's fun, we love it," said Gloria Owczarski, a SalonRed stylist, mastermind and organizer of the Day of Beauty.

Owczarski explained that in order to "spread the love," each year, the Day of Beauty services students from different DeKalb Schools—with this year Chamblee, Lakeside and Dunwoody High School students being the blessed beneficiaries. With sponsorship from local eateries and grocery stores, the day was made more special with a large lunch spread full of delectable favorites. Additionally, Ruby the Clown was on site to provide entertainment with balloon-making antics and knock-knock jokes.

Pamela Roberts and Boni Powell, DeKalb Exceptional Education liaisons, said the Day of Beauty is one the students won't soon forget. "They will talk about it on the bus, they will talk it about it at school and at home," Powell and Roberts said of the students who are already excited to make hand-made thank you cards for all the stylists who participated in the event.

Next year, the Exceptional Education department and SalonRed hope to expand the event—involving multiple salons in DeKalb to accommodate more students.



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